

**Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM**  
**July 22, 2012**  
**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

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If you need to leave the Sanctuary, please use the exits at the back.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Arioso - J. S. Bach*

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 78:1-4*

Leader: O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

People: **I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old—**

Leader: what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.

ALL: **We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.**

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**

*God of Our Fathers*

Hymn #710

## **\*\* The Invocation**

### **\*\* The Apostles' Creed**

*“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.”*

## **The First Scripture Lesson**

<sup>1</sup>Some time later there was an incident involving a vineyard belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. The vineyard was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. <sup>2</sup>Ahab said to Naboth, “Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth.” <sup>3</sup>But Naboth replied, “The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.” <sup>4</sup>So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.” He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat. <sup>5</sup>His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, “Why are you so sullen? Why won’t you eat?” <sup>6</sup>He answered her, “Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, ‘Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.’ But he said, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’” <sup>7</sup>Jezebel his wife said, “Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I’ll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.” <sup>8</sup>So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth’s city with him.

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<sup>9</sup> In those letters she wrote: “Proclaim a day of fasting and seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people. <sup>10</sup> But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them testify that he has cursed both God and the king. Then take him out and stone him to death.” <sup>11</sup> So the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth’s city did as Jezebel directed in the letters she had written to them. <sup>12</sup> They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth in a prominent place among the people. <sup>13</sup> Then two scoundrels came and sat opposite him and brought charges against Naboth before the people, saying, “Naboth has cursed both God and the king.” So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death. <sup>14</sup> Then they sent word to Jezebel: “Naboth has been stoned and is dead.” <sup>15</sup> As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, she said to Ahab, “Get up and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite that he refused to sell you. He is no longer alive, but dead.” <sup>16</sup> When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up and went down to take possession of Naboth’s vineyard.

1 Kings 21:1-16

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord  
**People:** Thanks be to God

## **The Confession of Our Sins**

*“Receive my confession, O most loving and gracious Heavenly Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, the only hope for the salvation of my soul. Grant to me true contrition, so that day and night I may be sorry from the heart for my sins. Savior of the world, O good Jesus, who gave yourself to the death of the cross to save sinners, look upon me, most wretched of all sinners; have pity on me, and give me the light to know my sins, true sorrow for them, and a firm purpose of never committing them again. Amen.”*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **Musical Offering**

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup> Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. <sup>19</sup> My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. <sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

<sup>1</sup>What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something but don’t get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup>When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? <sup>6</sup>But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 1:13-25; and, 4:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God**

# Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

## The Third Scripture Lesson

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" <sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." <sup>23</sup> And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. <sup>25</sup> At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Mark 6:14-29

Leader: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God

**\*\* Offertory Hymn**  
*This Is My Father's World*  
Hymn #111

**\*\* Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

I John 2:15-17

**The Offertory**  
*Andante Moderato* - Franz Liszt

*PLEASE FILL OUT THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN  
TO INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE.*

**\*\* The Doxology**

(Hymn # 731)

*Children K4 – K5 may be dismissed to Children's Church.*

**The Message**  
*Rev. John K. Keen*  
*Senior Pastor*

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*  
Hymn #600

**\*\* Benediction**

**Postlude**  
*Toccata on "St. Anne" - Gordon Young*

*\*\* All who are able, please stand*

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## *Welcome to Our Visitors*

We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at [www.seminolepca.org](http://www.seminolepca.org). For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at: [church@seminolepca.org](mailto:church@seminolepca.org).

### **Deacons' Mercy Line (813) 774-3881, Ext. 744**

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call this church phone extension; a deacon generally checks the line daily.

## SPC Family Matters

Summer fun  
&  
Fellowship

of  
**Fisher men**

Learn to fish

### Instruction classes and family fishing excursions

Join Tom Cawley and Rob Melindi as they teach your children the basics of fishing. They will lead instruction classes which will be paired with Family Fishing Excursions. This is a great opportunity to learn (or hone) your skill, build relationships with your church family and invite neighbor friends of your children.

- Who:** Children 1st grade- 8th grade  
Parents encouraged to attend fishing excursions
- Required:** Notarized Permission/Medical Release\*  
Attendance at most instruction classes  
Minimal costs for supplies and pier access
- Location:** Church Office

Instruction Classes: 6-7 PM on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> (Church Office)

Family Fishing Excursion: Saturday July 28

*\*Download Permission Med/Release form from Student Ministries section of church website. Or pick up from Church office.*

**Youth Service Project:**  
**Help for Homes**

*(Wednesday, July 25;  
8:00 am - 1:30 pm; Free)*

We have another opportunity to exercise our faith by serving others. May Jesus' words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35) ring true for you. Let's put our faith into practice by serving a family from our church and helping them with some house projects!



- Required: notarized Med/Release form (plus, wear clothes that can get dirty)
- Bring: a sack lunch, water bottle, & sunscreen



**Praise God for a wonderful week of VBS** and a fabulous closing program! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this year's Vacation Bible School a success, especially to Kelly Fernandez and Sarah Royer as this year's coordinators. Hats off to everyone!





**Youth Excursion:**  
**Ichetucknee River Float**

*(Wednesday, August 1;  
8:00 am-8:30 pm; \$20)*

The Iche-what!? You don't need to know how to pronounce it to enjoy it. The beautiful Ichetucknee river is spring fed and flows slowly through shaded hammocks and wetlands. The water is crystal clear and too chilly for alligators so you can relax on your own tube as our floatilla meanders down the river. Laugh, relax, swim, and have a blast! How long can you stand on your tube without falling? What happens if you flip Danny? All exciting questions you'll just have to come to find out. Join us for 1½ trips down this awesome north Florida river.

- **Sign-up by Sunday, July 29th**
- Required: \$20, notarized Med/Release Form
- Bring: Modest swimsuit, towel, change of dry clothes, money for dinner on the way home (\$10)



**Costa Rica Missions Information Meeting**



Save the Date for **Monday, August 13 at 7 p.m.** In order to facilitate the development a relationship with the MTW Costa Rica Team leader Rodney Davila and his wife Jana, Seminole will be hosting them for an all-church Costa Rica Missions information meeting. More details will be forthcoming, but for now – save the date!



**Thank You, Seminole!**



I'm not even sure where to begin to express my appreciation and thanks for the beautiful platters I received for my 10-year anniversary of working at Seminole Church. I cannot say "thank you" enough to each of you! I pray that God may bless me with many, many more years of service at Seminole, as I count it all joy to work alongside of some very great men and women here at SPC. It feels good to know how loved I am by my Seminole Family! Blessings ~ Jackie

## Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

### Prayer/Praise:

- Larry Dickey – pray for continual healing and recovery
- Jean Glaze – health issues/cancer
- Kim Dostal (DIL of Judy Dostal) - ongoing rehabilitation
- Servy & Raquel Fernandez' parents – health issues
- Amarnath Boodoosingh – better employment

### Pray for our missionaries:

- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS; on furlough
- Dave Hawes, Navigators – training and development
- Jeff Lee, Reformed University Ministries @ USF

E-mail: [prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org](mailto:prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org)

## Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3 / Toddlers	Bev Thomson	#115
Ages 4-5 / K4-K5	Diane Keen & Grace Keen	#111
Ages 6-7 / 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Liz Hickerson & Raquel Fernandez	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sally Quick & Sarah Zak	#109
Jr. High / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton & Richard Zak	#107
Sr. High / 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Gregg Quick & Randy Johnson	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Bill Earnest	#108
Adult – St. Augustine	Bryan Toenes	Church Office
Adult – Old Testament	Steve Strickland	#102

## *Current Adult Classes*

### **Walden Class – Update - Room 108**

*Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest*

If there is one lesson the modern church of Jesus Christ should learn from Christ's comments to the Church in Thyatira it's that He will not tolerate a congregation that turns a blind eye to sexual immorality and the acceptance of false Biblical teaching, especially in the area of morality. In modern times, this is a big problem in families who profess to be Christian. Throughout the world we have witnessed a decline in sexual purity that the "Word of God" demands from us. Even using the word "demand", would cause a "howl" in many Christian circles.

Listen to what Christ says to the people of the church in Thyatira; I warn all of us, it is not an easy thing to read! "I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am He who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds" (Rev. 2:21-23). The Church has a serious problem! The Walden class is in for a lively discussion today. You won't want to miss a word of it! See you in class.

### **Doctor of Grace: The Life and Thought of St. Augustine – Church Office**

*Teacher: Bryan Toenes*

This summer Bryan Toenes is leading a study of both the life and teachings of one of the greatest Christian minds of all time. Today we begin to look at Augustine as an apologist as we explore the history of the Donatist Controversy and Augustine's role in shaping the Church's teachings in response to this schism. From where does the Church derive her holiness? What gives the sacraments their efficacy? Why do we confess only one baptism and not require the sacrament a second time when those who have lapsed from the faith return in repentance? Join us this morning as we seek to answer these questions and more in our study of the unity of Christ's Church.

### **Old Testament Survey – Room 102**

*Teacher: Steve Strickland*

Paul's letter to Timothy says that "all Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." Paul is speaking about the Old Testament here. If we want to have a richer, fuller understanding of Jesus and the gospel, we need to know the Old Testament better. At times, however, the language and customs of the Old Testament can seem foreign to believers making it difficult to understand. Join us this summer as we examine God's unfolding plan to build His kingdom and redeem a people for Himself. Emphasizing a Christ-centered reading of Scripture, we will see how the Old Testament shapes our minds, our hearts, and the way we live.

## This Week at SPC ~ July 22-28

**SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am  
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am  
Sunday School, 10:45 am

**TUESDAY:** Fishing Fellowship Instruction Class  
6 pm; Church Office

**WEDNESDAY:** Youth Service Project, 8 am

**SATURDAY:** Fishing Fellowship –  
Family Fishing Excursion



**August 1:** Youth Excursion – River Float, 8 am

**August 6 – 10:** HS Urban Immersion

**August 13:** Costa Rica Missions Project  
Information Meeting, 7 pm



### SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 141

Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,143.52

*For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Cor. 8:12*

# Volunteers

## *Children's Worship Volunteers*

	<u><b>Teacher</b></u>	<u><b>Helper</b></u>	<u><b>Banner Bearer</b></u>
Today:	Andrea Cawley	Kourtney Melendi	Nora Fernandez
Next Week:	Lisa Johnson	Emily Johnson	Sammy Fernandez
Aug. 5:	Therese McKenzie	Paul McKenzie	Nikolas Royer

*Children's Church for children in K4/K5 meets in Room 109.*

## *Coffee Volunteers*

### **Coffee Volunteers**

Today:	Rob Edwards
Next Week:	Brian Waugh
Aug 5:	Andy Thomson

# July Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

John Keen 7/4	Patrick Chang 7/20
Johnny Hickerson 7/7	Bryan Toenes 7/21
Jean Glaze 7/8	Dave Hawes 7/23
Lea Zambon 7/9	Connie Frail 7/25
Bev Thomson 7/16	Dorothy Lemmon 7/26
Richard Zak 7/16	Dave Blanco 7/27
Keegan Melendi 7/18	

## Anniversaries

Randy & Lisa Johnson 7/6	Steve & Tami Pothoven 7/24
David & Becky Grooms 7/7	Don & Glee Hamilton 7/27
Danny & Jamie Dalton 7/12	

# SERMON NOTES